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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARMY LEADERSHIP

As we celebrate this holiday season, we should also celebrate the spirit of the American Soldier. For more than 230 years, this spirit led America's men and women to courageously answer the call to duty and help preserve liberty throughout the world. Today, this same noble spirit inspires our Soldiers as they simultaneously fight the war on terror and transform the Army to meet future challenges.

This holiday season should also be a time of remembrance. We should remember our Soldiers deployed in 120 countries around the world. Likewise, we should keep in our hearts our family members while their loved ones are far from home. And of course, we will always remember our Soldiers who never returned from the fight, and their families.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. May God bless the men and women in our Army. And may God bless our wonderful country.


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